

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-7, 11, 18-20, 50-52, 54, 55, 60 and 67-72 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 53 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 50, 52, 54, 67 and 68 are amended. No new matter is added.

Claims 1 and 50 are amended to better recite the claimed features. Claims 52, 54, 67 and 68 are amended to improve form. Support for the claims is found in the disclosure as originally filed, for example, at paragraphs [0060] and [0061] of the originally filed specification.

Entry and consideration of the amendments are requested since the amendments place the application in condition for allowance or in form for appeal.

For the following reasons, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

#### **Claim rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-7, 11, 18-20, 50-55, 60 and 67-69 are rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Mages et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,035,329), in view of *Collart* (U.S. Publication No. 2005/0044481), and further in view of *Kanazawa et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,580,870).

Also, claims 70 and 71 are rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Mages*, *Collart*, and *Kanazawa*, and further in view of *Tsumagari et al.* (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0161615).

The rejection of cancelled claim 53 is moot. The rejections of pending claims 1-7, 11, 18-20, 50-52, 54, 55, 60 and 67-72 are respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that *Mages*, *Collart* and *Kanazawa*, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest a method for connecting a media player to a remote server, the method comprising determining whether to request the connection to the remote server, based on a result of the analyzing, wherein the determining step includes performing the connection to the remote server, if the connection to the remote server is permitted, in accordance with the connection information, and the determining step further includes identifying a current operating mode and determining whether to request the connection to the remote server, based on a result of the identifying, the current operating mode being distinguished by a playback state of either a general storage medium or an interactive storage medium, and the connection to the remote server is not performed, if the current operating mode is the playback state of the interactive storage medium, as recited in claim 1.

Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that Mages, Collart and Kanazawa, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 50, which recites similar features of varying scope.

Specifically, none of the applied references discloses or suggest, the recited determining step that further includes identifying a current operating mode and determining whether to request the connection to the remote server, based on a result of the identifying, the current operating mode being distinguished by a playback state of either a general storage medium or an interactive storage medium, and the connection to the remote server is not performed, if the current operating mode is the playback state of the interactive storage medium.

For example, Mages is deficient because Mages simply discloses that the Hyper-DVD player reads a parental code on the DVD-ROM (block 50), and then reads a country code to determine if the code or codes indicate that the DVD-ROM is a Hyper-DVD or a non-Hyper DVD-ROM (decision-block 54). If the codes indicate a non-Hyper-DVD-ROM, but a regular DVD-ROM, then the Hyper-DVD-player proceeds to the play it (block 56). However, if the code or codes indicate a Hyper-DVD, then the software of the Hyper-DVD-player communicates with the service-provider (block 60), such as an Internet server or cable-TV provider, and the like. The Hyper-DVD then seeks permission from the service-provider the downloading of the missing, critical data (block 62). After the Hyper-DVD player of the customer's computer or cable box, has received the missing, critical data, the critical data is merged with the crippled, or encrypted, data on the Hyper-DVD-ROM (block 64). Then, the uncrippled software of the Hyper-DVD-ROM is read by the DVD-player for playback (block 66) (see col. 4, lines 20-41 and FIGS. 3B and 3C of Mages).

Additionally, Collart is also deficient and fails to remedy the deficiencies of Mages, because Collart is simply directed to method of playing multimedia content comprising reading, at a local machine, local multimedia content stored on a portable storage medium; and utilizing a control structure stored on a separate storage medium to alter the playback of the local multimedia content stored on the portable storage medium.

Finally, Kanazawa is deficient and fails to remedy the deficiencies of Mages and Collart, because Kanazawa is simply directed to a reproducing system with the function of reproducing the title information recorded on a DVD and displaying it on the screen of a display section, when the user clicks a Web mark on the screen, the CPU links to a Web server on the Internet via a modem and accesses the Web page related to the stream information on the screen. At that time, the related Web page is the selected information conforming to parental information, or attribute information, set in the system.

Thus, based on all of the above, Mages, Collart and Kanazawa, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 1, and also fail to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 50, which recites similar features of varying scope. Accordingly, claims 1 and 50 are patentable over the applied references and their combination.

The respective dependent claims are also patentably distinguishable over the applied references and their combination for at least the reasons discussed above and/or for the additional features they recite.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

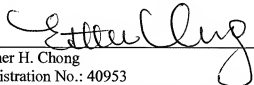
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Seth S. Kim, Registration No. 54,577, at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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